



John Welton Hill

August 10, 1920 - February 20, 2009

John Welton Hill, 88, of Snow Hill, died Friday, February 20, 2009, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

He was born August 10, 1920 in Sign Post, VA, a son of the late Dennie F. Hill and Elizabeth (Riehl) Hill.

John proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. He worked his way to the rank of Sergeant and became an accomplished airplane and engine mechanic. He fought in several campaigns in Burma and China, where he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of the former V.F.W. , Nelson Holloway Post #10768 in Snow Hill. After the war, he returned to Snow Hill to work for Tri-State Oil Company installing and repairing gas pumps. Upon retirement he used his skills repairing home heating systems and furnaces for many friends and family members. In 1930 he joined Bates Memorial United Methodist Church in Snow Hill, where he taught Sunday school for 56 consecutive years. He had an expert's knowledge of his bible and lived it everyday. He was always very supportive of the youth in Snow Hill. He was an avid bicyclist and stayed in good physical shape by riding his bike from Snow Hill to Pocomoke and back every day, a 26 mile round trip. After his ride he would normally take a nap, then walk 7 miles.

He is survived by a daughter, Laura Hill Layton, and her husband Joseph H. Layton, Jr. of Vienna, MD; a son, John Dennie Hill and his wife Ann Hill of Princess Anne, MD; four grandchildren, John Adam Hill of Salisbury, Matthew Hill and his wife Helena of Salisbury, William Layton and his wife Jennifer of Vienna and Susan Conner and her husband Nathan of Jacksonville, FL; and five great grandchildren, Stephen Layton, Alison Layton, Grace Maggie Conner, Claire Conner and Gabriel Conner. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife and best friend, Maggie (Mabe) Hill, whom he married on August 8, 1943, and who passed March 20, 1999; and infant daughter; and a grandson, Jeremy R. Hill.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. at Bates Memorial United Methodist Church in Snow Hill, where family and friends may call from 11:00 am to 12:00. The Reverend Mark Avens will officiate. Interment will follow at Bates Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to: Bates Memorial United Methodist Church, Sunday School Fund, c/o Mrs. Janice Skeeter, 313 E. Market Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863.

Arrangements are being handled by Short Funeral Home, Delmar.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bates Memorial United Methodist Church
116 N. Washington Street
Snow Hill, MD

Service

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Adam & Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of bereavement. Remember that earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. So continue to look to the hill from which cometh your strength, because it comes from above. God Bless##imported-begin##Treka (Johnson) Cousar##imported-end##

February 25, 2009 at 10:15 AM



“ Adam & Family, I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.##imported-begin##April (Trader) Mariner##imported-end##

February 24, 2009 at 08:23 AM



“ Adam-My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. How well I remember the man who walked EVERY day-around Snow Hill-with his stick. I pray God gives you strength in knowing your grandfather is with Our Father in Heaven, and reunited his wife of so many years! God Bless!##imported-begin##Beth Fontaine##imported-end##

February 23, 2009 at 11:53 PM



“ Hello, this is Adam's classmate from Snow Hill High School. My prayers are with each and everyone of you during this difficult time in your life. Please know that God makes no mistakes and he is there to comfort you, while you are bereaving. Seek God for understanding and he will strengthen you. God Bless.

The McKeithan Family##imported-begin##Jonika (Smith) McKeithan ##imported-end##

February 23, 2009 at 09:13 PM



“ Adam & Family-
I pray for God's comfort as you and your family go through this time. May you have peace that transcends all understanding.##imported-begin##Jenni (Truitt) Predeoux##imported-end##

February 23, 2009 at 04:04 PM



“ Dearest Laura,
I am deeply sorry to learn of the passing of your father. Fathers are very important people in our lives. I have fond memories of spending the night with you when we were growing up. You had exceptional parents; i.e., your mother, was a fantastic cook, and your father was so soft-spoken and had such gentle ways. I remember seeing him walking when I'd come home at the end of a work day and remark how youthful he always looked - almost a "skip" in his step.
My sympathy and love reach out to you and your family during this time of sadness. I know that the peace and love that surrounds your father now is sustaining you all.
Some say it's holding on that makes you strong; sometimes it's letting go. I KNOW how heavy your heart is, but your loss is Heaven's gain and today they are rejoicing for they have a new angel and his name is John!
May God's loving hand touch you and give you comfort through the days ahead.
With my deepest sympathy,
(Patricia) Tish Smith Dryden##imported-begin##Tish Smith Dryden##imported-end##

February 23, 2009 at 03:13 PM



“ Dearest John and Ann, truly I pray for you at this time. Mr. John was a wonderful man. I remember him from my own childhood having lived on church st. He will be forever in your hearts. May God grant you the peace that you greatly need at this time for surely Mr. John is at peace. Weeping only endureth for a night, precious joy of a life lived so wonderful cometh in the morning.

Reggie##imported-begin##regina holmes##imported-end##

February 22, 2009 at 10:57 PM



“ *I love you granddad.##imported-begin##Matt##imported-end##*

February 22, 2009 at 10:26 PM